

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A content providing device comprising:
a providing unit that provides prescribed content to a client;
a receiving unit that receives a message including position information which specifies a
prescribed position on the content;
an extracting unit that extracts the position information from the message; and
a transmitting unit that transmits a message including the extracted position information
to another client that is browsing the content,
wherein the message is an instant message that is transmitted according to the Instant
Messaging and Presence Protocol (IMPP).

Claim 2 (Original): The content providing device according to claim 1, further
comprising:
a browsing condition database that holds content identification information which
identifies the content and a login ID of a client;
wherein in accordance with the message received by the receiving unit, content
identification information of the content and a login ID of a client are registered in the browsing
condition database.

Claim 3 (Original): The content providing device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a browsing condition database that holds content identification information which identifies the content and a login ID of a client;

wherein the transmitting unit sets a destination of the message in accordance with the browsing condition database.

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A content browsing device comprising:

a content obtaining unit that obtains desired content from a providing device that provides content;

a display unit that displays the obtained content and a cursor movable according to an instruction of a user;

a position information obtaining unit that obtains position information of the cursor on the content; and

a transmitting unit that adds the position information to a message and transmits the message to the providing device,

wherein the message is an instant message that is transmitted according to the Instant Messaging and Presence Protocol (IMPP).

Claim 6 (Original): The content browsing device according to claim 5, wherein when receiving a transmission instruction from a user, the position information obtaining unit obtains position information of the cursor on the content.

Claim 7 (Original): The content browsing device according to claim 5, further comprising:

a user information database that holds information indicating whether another user is under active status.

Claim 8 (Cancelled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A content browsing device comprising:
a content obtaining unit that obtains prescribed content from a providing device which provides content;
a receiving unit that receives a message including position information from the providing device; and
a display unit that displays a mark on the content in accordance with the position information,

wherein the message is an instant message that is transmitted according to the Instant Messaging and Presence Protocol (IMPP).

Claim 10 (Original): The content browsing device according to claim 9, further comprising: a display position adjusting unit that adjusts a display position of the content with the mark.

Claim 11 (Original): The content browsing device according to claim 9, further comprising:

a mark shape setting unit that sets a shape of the mark according to a transmitter of the position information.

Claim 12 (Cancelled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A content providing device comprising:
a providing unit that provides prescribed content to a client;
a receiving unit that receives a message including position information which specifies a prescribed position on the content;
an extracting unit that extracts the position information from the message;
a mark adding unit that adds a mark to a position on the content specified by the extracted position information; and

a transmitting unit that transmits to another client, identification information of the content added with the mark,
wherein the message is an instant message that is transmitted according to the Instant Messaging and Presence Protocol (IMPP).

Claim 14 (Original): The content providing device according to claim 13, further comprising: a mark shape setting unit that sets a shape of the mark according to a transmitter of the position information.

Claim 15 (Cancelled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A content providing device comprising:
means for providing prescribed content to a client;
means for receiving an instant message including position information that specifies a prescribed position on the content;
means for extracting the position information from the instant message; and
means for transmitting an instant message including the extracted position information to another client that is browsing the content,
wherein the instant message is transmitted according to the Instant Messaging and Presence Protocol (IMPP).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A content browsing device comprising:
means for obtaining desired content from a providing device that provides content;
means for displaying the obtained content;
means for displaying on the content, a cursor movable according to an instruction of a user;
means for obtaining position information of the cursor on the content; and
means for adding the position information to an instant message and transmitting the instant message to the providing device,
wherein the instant message is transmitted according to the Instant Messaging and Presence Protocol (IMPP).

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A content browsing device comprising:
means for obtaining prescribed content from a providing device that provides content;
means for receiving an instant message including position information from the providing device; and
means for displaying a cursor on the content in accordance with the position information,
wherein the instant message is transmitted according to the Instant Messaging and Presence Protocol (IMPP).

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A content providing device comprising:

means for providing prescribed content to a client;

means for receiving an instant message including position information that specifies a prescribed position on the content;

means for extracting the position information from the instant message;

means for adding a mark to a position on the content specified by the extracted position information; and

means for transmitting to another client, identification information of the content added with the mark, wherein the instant message is transmitted according to the Instant Messaging and Presence Protocol (IMPP).